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UPI Ecosystem in Banks
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any deadline for all banking institutions for migrating to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ecosystem and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the migration process is completed by all Public Sector Banks and major Private Sector Banks and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has asked Cooperative Banks to migrate to the digital banking system after ascertaining the efficacy of UPI ecosystem and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the staff of Cooperative Banks have provided specialised training to handle and operate the new payment interface system and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether various private sector tech entities have expressed their desire to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch UPI-enabled payment on their platform, if so, the details
thereof and the response of the Government in the matter?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(a) & (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) have apprised that there is no deadline for migrating banking institutions to Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ecosystem. NPCI has apprised that 54 banks are live on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which include all Public Sector Banks and 17 Private Sector Banks.
(c) & (d) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has apprised that there is no instruction to cooperative banks to compulsorily provide digital banking services through UPI. NPCI has apprised that it has organised training sessions for IT staff of banks.
(e) RBI has informed that NPCI has approached them for approval to introduce multiple bank model for large third party providers in UPI. As per the proposal received, the Payment Service Providers (PSP) application provided by these entities will be like any other third party app in the UPI ecosystem, where banks will continue to remain as the PSP, with only the front-end interface provided by these third parties.
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